

SENATE BILL 654

By Kyle

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 40,
Chapter 29, Part 2, relative to voting rights.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 40-29-202, is amended by deleting subsection (c) in its entirety and substituting instead the following:

(c) Notwithstanding subsection (a), a person shall not be eligible to apply for a voter registration card and have the right of suffrage restored, unless the person is current in all child support obligations; provided, however, any amount of child support obligations that accumulated while a person was incarcerated shall not prevent the person from having the right of suffrage restored pursuant to this section.

SECTION 2. The coordinator of elections shall prepare either an amended voting rights restoration form and explanatory statement or an addendum to the current voting rights registration form and explanatory statement to indicate that payment of outstanding child support obligations that accumulated while a person was incarcerated is no longer required to have the right of suffrage restored.

SECTION 3. For the purpose of the coordinator of elections preparing, printing, and distributing the amended forms and statements or addendums required by this act, this act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it. For all other purposes, this act shall take effect July 1, 2015, the public welfare requiring it.